



Town of Colchester, Connecticut

OFFICE OF THE TAX COLLECTOR

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Testimony

Dear Members for the Planning and Development Committee:

My name is Michele Wyatt and I am the Tax Collector for the town of Colchester CT. My office collects taxes for Personal Property, Motor Vehicles and Real Estate. I do work hand in hand with my town's water & sewer department so in unison we are writing to you about Raised Bill No. 128 An Act Concerning Foreclosure, Assignment, and Other Enforcement Actions for Unpaid Sewer Assessments and Other Fees and Charges.

In a small town such as my town; Colchester; there are only a few enforcements that the water & sewer department can utilize to get users attention. Colchester bills and collects quarterly for water & sewer assessments and the average of the bill for sewer use is around 125.00 per quarter; which is approx. \$500.00 per year. In order for a town like Colchester to come the ten thousand range would take 20 years and by that time 5 years of bills would no longer be collectable. The town has policies in place so that we can make it fair to all people in town. Utilizing our enforcement tools gives us a means to eventually collect. If this bill goes into effect a town such as Colchester would be looking at raising the rates to make up for what we cannot collect which is just unfair for those who do pay.

We are asking you to allow us the opportunity to be able to collect unpaid water & sewer bills in a fair manner to all residents.

Sincerely,

Michele Wyatt C.C.M.C.
Town of Colchester
Tax Collector

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Water & Sewer Supervisor